

Aurora, Nebraska  
September 28, 2022

A meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Aurora, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session at 7:30 p.m. on September 28, 2022 at the City Hall. Present were Councilors: Wayne Roblee, Daniel Bartling, Mark Dunn, Dick Phillips and Nancy Lohrmeyer. Mayor Marlin Seeman conducted the meeting. City Officials present were City Administrator Eric Melcher, City Attorney Ross Luzum, Chief of Police Paul Graham, Utilities Superintendent Adam Darbro and Clerk/Treasurer Barbra Mikkelsen.

Notice of said meeting was given by publication in the Aurora News Register on September 21, 2022. Notice of meeting was simultaneously given to the Mayor and all members of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to these minutes. Availability of the agenda of this meeting was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Mayor Seeman stated “AS PERSCRIBED BY LAW A COPY OF THE NEBRASKA OPEN MEETINGS ACT IS POSTED BY THE DOUBLE DOORS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.”

**MINUTES:**

Councilor Phillips moved to approve the minutes from the September 13 and September 27, 2022 meetings. Councilor Dunn seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Roblee, Bartling, Dunn, Phillips and Lohrmeyer. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lackore. The motion carried.

**PETITIONS, COMPLAINTS, COMMUNICATIONS:**

Councilor Phillips moved to adopt Resolution 22-11 to exceed the budget lid by 1% as allowed by law for the budget for FY 2022-2023. Councilor Roblee seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Lohrmeyer and Roblee. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lackore. The motion carried and the following resolution was declared passed and adopted.

**RESOLUTION 22-11**

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 13-519 provides that the City of Aurora is limited to increasing its total of budgeted restricted revenues to no more than the prior year’s total of budgeted restricted funds plus two and one-half percent (2 ½%) expressed in dollars; and

WHEREAS, 13-519 authorizes the City of Aurora to exceed the foregoing budget limit by an additional one percent (1%) increase in budgeted restricted revenues upon the affirmative vote of 75 percent of the members of the governing body constituting a quorum authorized to conduct business; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget document for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and Program for Municipal Services in the Lid Computation for FY 2022-2023 supported by the detail relating to restricted revenue accounts, proposes an additional increase in the prior year’s budgeted funds of an additional one percent (1%) as provided by the statute; and

WHEREAS, approval of the additional one percent (1%) increase in budgeted restricted revenues provides maximum funding sources, does not increase authorized expenditures and is in the best interest of the City of Aurora and its citizens; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVLED BY THE MAYOR AND THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, NEBRASKA, that by affirmative vote of 75 percent of the members of the governing body constituting a quorum authorized to conduct business, budgeted restricted revenue funds for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 shall be increased by an additional one percent (1%) as provided by Nebraska Revised Statute 13-519.

Passed and adopted this 28th day of September, 2022.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

City Attorney Luzum read Ordinance No. 1155 by its title: AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE BUDGET STATEMENT, INCLUDING THE PAY PLAN , PENSION PLANS AND VEBA PLAN, TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL; TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilor Phillips moved to bring Ordinance 1155 before the council and to suspend the statutory three reading rule for consideration of this ordinance. Councilor Lohrmeyer seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Dunn, Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Roblee and Bartling. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lackore. The motion having been concurred in by three fourths majority of all members elected to the Council passed and said statutory three reading rule was suspended.

Councilor Phillips moved for final adoption of Ordinance No. 1155. Councilor Dunn seconded the motion. The Mayor then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 1155 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Councilors voted Aye: Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Roblee, Bartling and Dunn. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lackore.

The passage and adoption of said Ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members elected to the Council was by the Mayor declared passed and adopted and the Mayor in the presence of the Council signed and approved said Ordinance and the Clerk attested the passage and approval of same and affixed her signature thereto. Said Ordinance shall be preserved and kept in a separate and distinct volume known as the Ordinance Record of the City of Aurora, Nebraska and same be incorporated herein by reference.

Councilor Lohrmeyer moved to adopt Resolution 22-12 setting City of Aurora Tax Levy for FY 2022-2023. Councilor Roblee seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lohrmeyer, Roblee, Bartling, Dunn and Phillips. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lackore. The motion carried and the following resolution was declared passed and adopted.

**RESOLUTION 22-12**

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of the City of Aurora passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the City of Aurora, resolves that:

- 1. The FY 2022-2023 property tax request be set at:

General Fund: \$1,564,332.17  
Bond Fund: \$ 336,308.49

- 2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year’s total assessed value by 14.02 percent.
- 3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$.33224 per \$100 of assessed value.
- 4. The City of Aurora proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$.378830 per \$100 of assessed value.
- 5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of the City of Aurora will increase last year’s by 7.4 percent.
- 6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2022.

Passed and adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Councilor Phillips moved to approve the 4<sup>th</sup> and Final Pay Applications for Streeter 3rd & Streeter 4th Additions to Mid Nebraska Land Developers, LLC for \$97,310.70 and to Rutjens Construction, Inc. for \$22,734.78. Councilor Dunn seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Roblee, Bartling, Dunn, Phillips and Lohrmeyer. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lackore. The motion carried.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Having completed all items on the agenda, and there being no further business to conduct, Mayor Seeman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:37p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk